

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BUENOS 02580 062149Z

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-05 PC-01 OPR-02 CIAE-00 DODE-00

PM-04 H-01 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01

PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 DHA-02 MCT-01 /067 W

-----062155Z 090178 /70

P 062050Z APR 77

FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9905

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BUENOS AIRES 2580

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, SHUM, AR

SUBJ: ARGENTINE JOURNALISTS KIDNAPPED

1. SEVERAL JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN VICTIMS IN A WAVE OF KIDNAPPINGS IN BUENOS AIRES IN THE PAST WEEK. HECTOR FERREIROS, KIDNAPPED ON MARCH 31, WAS FOUND SHOT TO DEATH IN A FIELD NEAR QUILMES IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE ON APRIL 5. GEN. LANUSSE'S FORMER PRESS SECRETARY EDGARDO SAJON DISAPPEARED ON HIS WAY TO WORK APRIL 1. THERE HAS BEEN NO INFORMATION ON HIS CASE DESPITE PERSONAL APPEAL BY GEN. LANUSSE TO PRESIDENT VIDELA, A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS FILED BY THE SAJON FAMILY AND A COMPLAINT LODGED BY THE SAJON FAMILY AT A POLICE STATION IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE ON APRIL 5. FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH VIDELA ON SAJON'S BEHALF ON APRIL 3, GEN. LANUSSE SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT RUMORS THAT THE MISSING MAN MAY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND TAKEN TO LA PLATA ALONG WITH OTHER PEOPLE SUSPECTED OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE GRAIVER FINANCIAL SCANDAL. THE GRAIVER FAMILY BANKING EMPIRE COLLAPSED FOLLOWING THE BANKRUPTCY OF A GRAIVER BANK IN NEW YORK AND THE ALLEGED DEATH OF ARGENTINE FINANCIER DAVID GRAIVER IN A PLANE CRASH IN MEXICO LAST YEAR. THE INTERIOR MINISTRY HAS ANNOUNCED THAT NEITHER THE ARMED FORCES NOR THE FEDERAL OR PROVINCIAL POLICE HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON SAJON'S WHEREABOUTS.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BUENOS 02580 062149Z

2. ARGENTINE JOURNALIST RODOLFO WALSH REPORTEDLY DISAPPEARED IN EARLY APRIL. AN EDITORIAL IN THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD APRIL 5 SAID HE MAY HAVE BEEN SEIZED FOR POLITICAL REASONS. (SEE SEPTEL)

3. FOUR MEN, INCLUDING JOURNALIST EDUARDO DUSCHATZKY TWO MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS LEAGUE EDUARDO JULIO ANZORENA

AND ROBERTO ANTONIO DI VITA, AND ARGENTINE PEACE COUNCIL MEMBER JORGE ALBERTO KREYNESS, REPORTEDLY DISAPPEARED ON APRIL 1 AND HAVE NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE. THE LEAGUE HAS MADE INQUIRIES AT LOCAL POLICE STATIONS AND THE INTERIOR MINISTRY SO FAR WITHOUT RESULT. A LEAGUE MEMBER APPEALED TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TO ASSIST IN LOCATING THE FOUR MEN IN A LETTER TO THE EMBASSY TODAY (APRIL 6). THE EMBASSY IS FOLLOWING THIS AND THE PRECEDING CASES AND WILL REPORT ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

HILL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: KIDNAPPING, JOURNALISTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 06-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977BUENOS02580
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770120-0815
Format: TEL
From: BUENOS AIRES
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770484/aaaacutk.tel
Line Count: 71
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 992954a9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04-Apr-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2886190
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ARGENTINE JOURNALISTS KIDNAPPED
TAGS: PINS, SHUM, AR
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/992954a9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009